

## **REGULAR MEETING OF COMMON COUNCIL**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chippewa Falls was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Gregory Hoffman presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### **CLERK CALLS THE ROLL**

Council members present: Michael Dahlby, Brian Flynn, CW King, Donald Baker, Susan Zukowski. Absent: Jason Anderson, Dennis Doughty.

City staff present: City Planner Jayson Smith, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rick Rubenzer, Police Lieutenant John Liddell, City Inspector Paul Lasiewicz, Parks & Recreation Director Bill Faherty, Battalion Chief Jon Taylor.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**(a) Motion by Flynn/Zukowski, all present voting aye,** to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of May 19. **Motion carried.**

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS**

**Pat Popple**, Summit Avenue, Chippewa Falls, presented the Mayor with over 900 signatures they collected in a very short time for the following Petition: "We, the undersigned, protest Canadian Sand & Proppants, Inc. coming into the city of Chippewa Falls. This mine site will be unique because work such as sandstone crushing will be carried out at the plant site rather than at a quarry. There has been no finding of fact that this mine site will not affect the health and well-being of the entire community, including surrounding townships. Having a heavy industrial plant that will emit crystalline silica as well as other hazardous chemicals close to R-1 and R-2 housing, schools, and daycare centers is unprecedented in this area. In addition we feel the truck traffic, noise, and constant lighting will negatively impact residents of the entire community." **Beth Walton**, property owner on Evergreen Lane, requested the Council table the appointments of Dave Cihasky and Dan Varga to the Plan Commission to possibly consider appointing others with fresh ideas. **Sue Holm**, West Columbia Street, attended the Plan Commission meeting the previous evening and although sympathetic to their difficult task she believes there were deficiencies in the Commission's findings. A few concerns she had included no evidence the health of the public will be protected; no evidence health officials were contacted; no evidence regarding the noise issues related to truck backing or operation of crushers and hoppers; no evidence how property values will be effected; and no evidence of the impact on family farms. **Jenna Schafer**, Gordy's County Market; **Heather Hunt**, Olson's Dairy and Wiley Law Firm; **Ricky Hunt**, Olson's Dairy; **Darin Schemenauer**, Mason Companies; all spoke against the closing of Bridge Street on Thursdays for the Farmers Market requested by Chippewa Falls Main Street. None of them are against the Farmer's Market but believe closing Bridge Street is not a good idea. They have concerns about traffic flow, parking, access to businesses during this time, and overall safety and congestion issues created by closing the only two-way street through downtown. Mr. Hunt indicated he had spoken to a number of downtown businesses who were also opposed to closing Bridge Street.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **REPORTS**

**(a) Motion by Zukowski/Flynn** to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting of May 26. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

## **APPLICATIONS**

**(a) Motion by King/Zukowski, all present voting aye,** to approve the Operator (Bartender) licenses as recommended by the Police Department. **Motion carried.**

**(b) Motion by Zukowski/Flynn, all present voting aye except Dahlby, King, and Baker who voted nay,** to deny the Sidewalk Use Permit Application of Foreign 5 & Lucy's Deli, 117 and 123 N. Bridge Street. **Motion failed. Motion by King/Baker, all present voting aye except Zukowski who voted nay,** to approve the Sidewalk Use Permit Application of Foreign 5 & Lucy's Deli. **Motion carried.** Deb from Lucy's was present to answer concerns about the tables and chairs projecting too far into the sidewalk. The Council indicated they would like a record of any complaints regarding limited access on the sidewalk. If complaints are received the Council will consider revoking the permit. They also talked about Committee #3 addressing this issue to come up with a process for dealing with complaints.

**(c) Motion by King/Flynn, all present voting aye,** to approve the Application of American Legion – Post #77 for a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for Flag Day events on June 14. **Motion carried.**

**(d) Motion by Flynn/Zukowski, all present voting aye,** to approve the Street Use Permit Application of American Legion for Flag Day events on June 14. **Motion carried.**

**(e) Motion by Zukowski/Baker, all present voting aye,** to approve the Street Use Permit Application of Valley Art Association for Solstice on Grand Art Faire on June 20. **Motion carried.**

**(f) Motion by Zukowski/Baker, all present voting aye,** to approve the Street Use Permit Application of Chippewa Falls Main Street for the downtown Farmer's Market (Old Chieftain Lot) for Thursdays June 11 through October 29. **Motion carried.**

**(g) Motion by Flynn/King, all present voting aye,** to approve the Application of Chippewa Youth Hockey Association for a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for Northwest Beer Fest/Hockey Mom Exhibition on June 19 & 20. **Motion carried.**

## **PETITIONS**

None

## **MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS**

**(a) Motion by Dahlby/Zukowski, all present voting aye except King who voted nay,** to approve the temporary appointment of Jim Fenno as City Health Officer at \$50.00 per hour to conduct the necessary inspections of establishments and equipment for 2009/2010 license renewals including but not limited to liquor establishments and refuse hauler equipment. **Motion carried.**

**(b)** The Mayor presented the following list of appointments for the Council to consider and act on at the next meeting: **Board of Appeals Electrical:** Reappointments: Pete Sedarski, Wayne Germain and Bill Beaudette. **Transit Board:** Reappointments: Bill Larsen, Allan Sharp; New Member: Fred Roycraft. **Library Board:** Reappointment: Stacey Miller; New Member: Bob Hoekstra. **Police & Fire Commission:** Reappointment: Paul Peters; **Cable Television Advisory Board:** Reappointments: Andy Clay, Dennis Buttke. **Business Improvement District Board:** Reappointment: Don Baker; New Member: Mary Schnobrich. **Park Board:** Reappointments: Beth Arneberg, Heidi Hoekstra. **Board of Appeals Planning and Zoning:** Reappointments: Jan Ferguson, William Haley, Jan Welch. **Board of Appeals Gas Code:** Reappointments: Ted Bowe, Gary Gonyer. **City Plan Commission:** Reappointments: David Cihasky, Dan Varga.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

None

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(a) Motion by King/Zukowski**, all present voting aye, to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 18. **Motion carried.**

**(b) Motion by Zukowski/Dahlby**, all present voting aye, to approve the minutes of the Committee #3, Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic meeting of May 19 except for Item #3. **Motion carried. Motion by Zukowski/Flynn** to deny Item #3 pertaining to the Street Use Permit Application of Chippewa Falls Main Street to close Bridge Street on Thursdays for the Farmer's Market. **Said motion passed after the following roll call vote: Aye – Zukowski, Flynn, Dahlby; Nay – King; Abstain - Baker.**

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

None

## **ORDINANCES**

None

## **RESOLUTIONS**

None

## **OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW**

**(a) Motion by Dahlby/Zukowski** to approve the Proposal from SEH to prepare an Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Application and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. **Said motion passed after the following roll call vote: Aye – Dahlby, Zukowski, Flynn, Baker; Nay – King.**

**(b) Motion by Flynn/Dahlby**, all present voting aye, to approve the request of Roland Shaurette, Aim High Fireworks, to use 1 South Bridge Street to set up a fireworks tent contingent upon: 1) The City having ownership of the property; and 2) The City receiving an updated Certificate of Insurance. **Motion carried.**

## **CLAIMS**

**(a)** The Claims Committee met at 6:00 PM before the regular meeting to review the claims for payment by the various departments of the city. **Motion by Zukowski/King** to approve the payment of the claims listed below. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

City General Claims and

Authorized/Handwritten Claims: \$49,658.07

## **CLOSED SESSION**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by King/Zukowski**, all present voting aye, to adjourn at 7:45 PM. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by,  
Lynne Bauer, City Clerk